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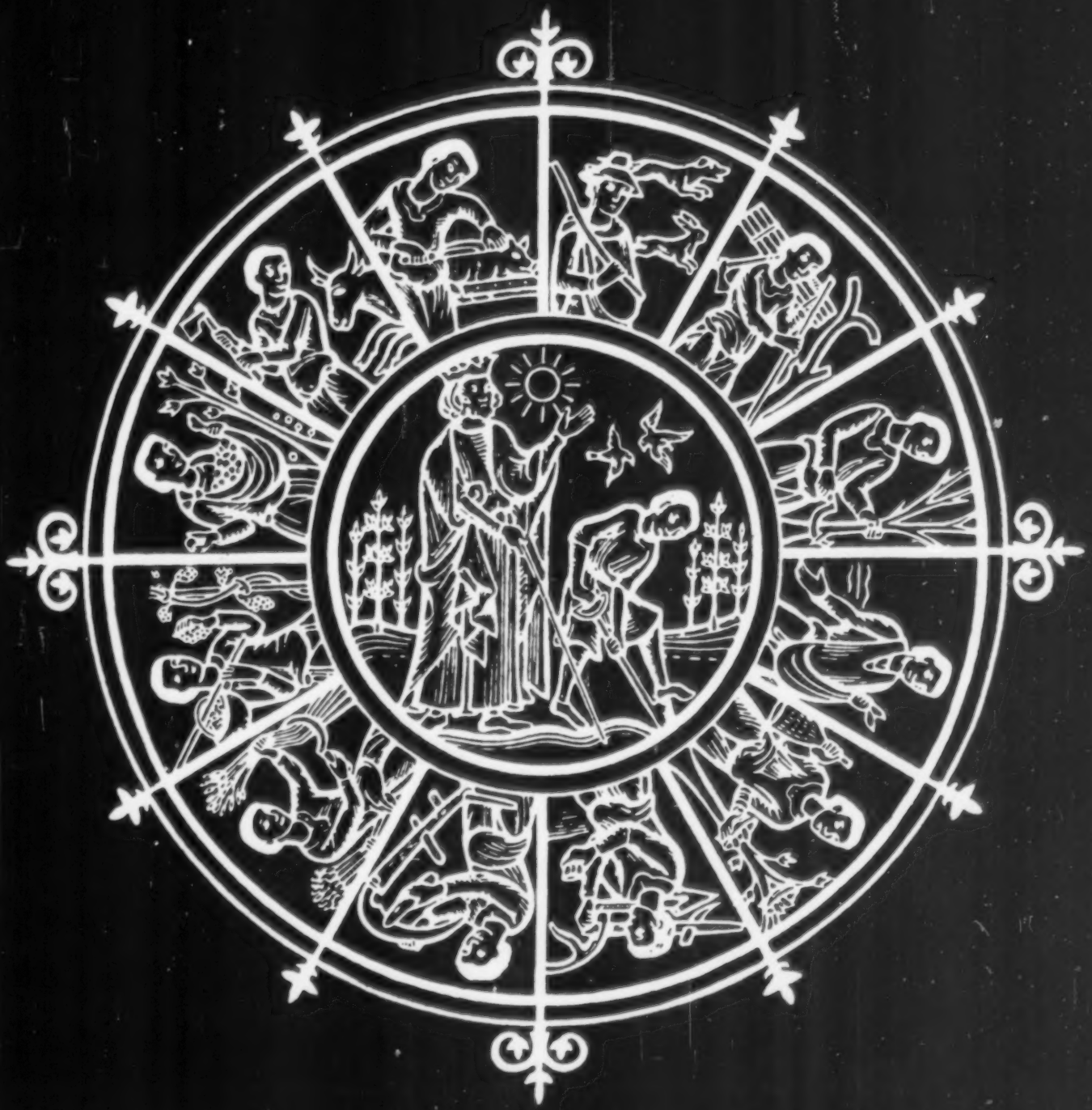

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History of the Farmstead. *By John Weller. Pp. 248. Faber, London. 1982. Cased edition £9.95, paperback £5.95.*

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Fieldwork in Local History. *By W. G. Hoskins. Pp. 202. Faber, London. 1982. Cased edition £9.50, paperback £3.95.*

This is a revised edition of a work that first appeared in 1967. It is, in effect, a field guide to students of local history in the United Kingdom, with emphasis on the countryside and small towns rather than major urban areas. It deals primarily with two separate sources of information. Firstly, written sources of information such as Domesday Book; original deeds and leases; tithe maps; Enrolled Deeds; and the like. This is accompanied by indications as to where these are to be found. Secondly, there is a guide to the wealth of information that a trained observer can collect simply by walking the ground: the run of hedgerows; abandoned trackways; place-names; bridges, etc. Ending with a good index, this is a useful book primarily for U.K. readers, but with lessons to be learnt in other countries with similar historical backgrounds.

5 Years of Agricultural Research and Development for Indonesia 1976–80. *Pp. 127. Agency for Agricultural Research and Development. Jalan Ragunan 29 Pasar Minggu, Jakarta Selatan, Indonesia. 1982.*

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